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REMARKS

Supplemental Amendments

In the Examiner Interview of July 11, 2006, Applicants were asked to file a Supplemental Amendment to remove instances of "operable to" and to add the word "selected" before the second instance of "call server" in line 6 of claim 109. Applicants have made these amendments to improve clarity, and respectfully submits that the scope of the claims have not been changed by these amendments.

In addition, Applicants have made two additional amendments to claim 109, to avoid claiming narrower subject matter than the art of record supports. Applicants have removed the "transmitting a call status indicator to the user device" limitation and have specified that media communicated between the user device and the gateway is in accordance with the User Datagram Protocol (UDP), rather than specifically RTP over UDP.

Statement of Substance of July 11, 2006 Interview

In the July 11, 2006 Examiner Interview, Applicant was represented by inventor John Nix and Applicants' representative, Marcus Thymian. PTO personnel included Steven Blount and Doris To. The participants discussed how communications between the user device and the call server (or PTSP) are generally in a non-native protocol, while communications between the call server (or PTSP) and the gateway are generally in a native protocol. The non-native protocol may be a proprietary protocol, while the native protocol may be a standard protocol. Depending on the claimed implementation, once a call is set up, media is either communicated directly between the user device and the gateway, or through the call server (or PTSP).

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Please note that in the Response to Office Action that was filed by Applicants on May 30, 2006, the sentence beginning at line 8 of the paragraph under the "Applicants' Technology" heading on p. 9 should refer to claim 92, while the subsequent paragraph should refer to claims 102 and 109.

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The Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' representative below if any questions arise or he may be of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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